Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application PCT/EP2004/003699 filed April 7, 2004

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 12-32 are currently pending in the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered into the specification. The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to introduce headers which are required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the specification.

An abstract has been supplied.

The claims have been entered to placed them in a form for ready examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. All multiple dependent claims have been deleted.

The claims as amended are no narrower than original claims 1-11 and are in a proper form since the multiple dependencies have been deleted.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the amendments to the claims has been entered to overcome any prior art reference of which Applicants are aware. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and claims as originally files. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form.

Respectfully submitted,

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